

MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM:

Chief, Legislation Division, OLC

SUBJECT: Public Buildings Act of 1981

1. Attached for your information is an excerpt from the Congressional Record containing the text of S. 533, the Public Buildings Act of 1981. S. 533 is essentially the same as S. 2080, which passed the Senate in the 96th Congress. Note that S. 533 contains sections 111 and 704, the provisions safeguarding CIA authorities and intelligence equities which we succeeded in having inserted into S. 2080 last year.

2. The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works intends to move quickly with S. 533, and markup has been scheduled for 12 March. The Bill is likely to pass the Senate quickly and with little change from its current form.

3. S. 2080 failed of enactment last year because the House passed a companion bill which was considerably less broad in scope, and House/Senate conferees failed to resolve the multitude of differences between the two versions.

4. It is difficult to say at this point whether or not the House will consider the kind of far-reaching changes in public buildings policy which are contained in S. 533, and chances for the Bill's ultimate enactment remains doubtful. I would ask, however, that you review the Bill once more with a view toward determining whether or not it continues to be sufficient from the standpoint of the Agency's interests. I would appreciate it if you could let me have your views no later than COB Tuesday, 10 March.

Attachment

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